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## Soviet Jewish dancer Panov at 'dead end'

**AVIV.** — Soviet Jewish dancer Panov, barred from emigrating to Israel, described his situation as "a dead end" in a phone call yesterday. Panov, a well-known dancer, was fired from the Ballet when he applied to emigrate eight months ago, and has been prevented by the Soviets from leaving, and from earning a living, who was speaking to Bat-Dor dance companies' representative Yosef Frankel, said he and his wife Galina Rogov were surviving only on contributions from abroad, and that their condition was deteriorating. Panov said he had no response from Soviet leaders that would allow them to let him emigrate, and added that his wife's Russian mother not to go for an exit permit.

## DANISH F.M. ready for talks

**By SEAYA SHAPIRO**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
**AVIV.** — The Foreign Minister of Denmark, Kurt Andersen, yesterday said he had the impression that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was willing to start talks with Israel, although Andersen, who today ends a visit here as the guest of government, said he did not have a binding press report that wanted Israel to withdraw from the Sinai. Andersen said he was not a threat of war in the Sinai, but that he was called on him in Cairo to see him, he added. Egyptian leaders gave him the impression that they "wanted peace." As Israel's negotiators are now in a position to start the ball rolling, Andersen said, "I am making a new mission" in Copenhagen, he estimated, "to see if there are channels, or a new way to be used to bring the two sides together." Andersen yesterday met Prime Minister Golda Meir and, for the first time, Foreign Minister Abba Eban. During his stay, he also met with Zalman Shazar and Deputy Minister Yigal Alon. He understood that he did not have much to see your country."

## Raiza Palatnik here after two years in Soviet jails

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Raiza Palatnik, the 37-year-old Jewish emigrant from Odessa who served a two-year jail sentence for giving Hebrew lessons and possessing anti-Soviet letters and articles, arrived here yesterday as a new immigrant. Miss Palatnik arrived with her parents, Katya, who left the Soviet Union a year ago and organized a world-wide campaign for Raiza's release. Following her release from prison on December 1, Miss Palatnik was granted an exit visa on the 15th and was told to leave the country within five days. "I was happy to leave within four," she told reporters here. Miss Palatnik said her trial had been staged and "the whole thing was just a farce." She said that, while she was in jail and later in a forced labour camp, her father had tried to persuade her that her "true homeland" was the Soviet Union and she should not leave. She said she spent 10 months in prison with ordinary criminals and was then taken to a forced labour camp. Although the authorities refused her medical treatment and told her she was healthy enough to work normally, Miss Palatnik said she had heard from her sister about the campaign to get her released and this had helped her to overcome the hardships of her prison term. Her parents had been allowed to visit her only once every six months.



Raiza Palatnik at Lod Airport

## 'AN-NAHAR' REPORT: Battle with Israel in six months, Sadat tells forces

**By ANAN SAFADI**  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has told his War Minister, General Ahmed Ismail, to prepare Egypt's armed forces for a battle with Israel in six months, Beirut's "An-Nahar" newspaper said yesterday. In a dispatch from Cairo, attributed to "informed sources," the newspaper said Sadat is convinced that an outbreak of hostilities would bring the Soviet Union closer to Cairo. The Egyptians no longer expect the U.S. to launch a new Middle East initiative, it added. The "An-Nahar" report was by Foad Mattar, who is known to have contacts with Egyptian government circles. It may have been inspired by Cairo to build up pressure both on the Soviet Union, which has been shunning Sadat since last July's ouster of Russian advisers from Egypt, and on the U.S., which the Egyptians fear may have shelved its concern over the Middle East in the face of Washington's renewed confrontation in Vietnam. However, Egypt's military threats are also being increased due to two main factors: the nearing of the Prophet Mohammed's birthday, on April 15, which Sadat said at last year's celebration would be the new deadline for a Middle East settlement; and also the mounting nationwide frustration over the current Middle East deadlock. The Egyptian frustration has been building up recently among student circles, in particular at Cairo University, Cairo's Bin Shams University and at Alexandria University. Left-wing students were yesterday reported to have called for street demonstrations to protest the presence of government security agents on university campuses and the arrest of a number of students and the refusal of others to disciplinary committees for alleged anti-government agitation. The student ferment followed several days of clashes within the campuses over the Sadat government's policy. In addition to their frustration over the Middle East deadlock, the students, especially leftists, have been demonstrating their opposition to Sadat's repeated crackdowns on his political opponents and his July ouster of the Russians. In a meeting with students in Minya, Upper Egypt, Sayyed Marei, Secretary-General of the Arab Socialist Union, said on Wednesday night that the authorities were not planning to bar students from political activity or from conducting a "healthy dialogue." He added that the authorities wished to see students organized within the Socialist Union in a federation "set up through democratic and free elections." Meanwhile, Cairo University's Gamal Abdel Nasser hall, scene of massive sit-down demonstrations last January, was the scene of an excellent performance of Swan Lake by the Elga ballet of the Soviet Union on Wednesday night. Vice-President Hussein El Shafiq, several scores Soviet civilian technical advisers and their families, and hundreds of Egyptian workers in the audience. Pope John was served and the Hammer and Sickle red banner and Egyptian flag flanked the platform.

## MRS. MEIR: New Vietnam hostilities 'a catastrophe'

**By SARAH HONIG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
**RAMAT GAN.** — Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday described the renewed hostilities in Vietnam as "a catastrophe and a tragedy," and strongly condemned those who argued that the impasse in the Washington-Hanoi talks was in Israel's interest on the grounds that it delayed American pressure. The Prime Minister was speaking at a question and answer session before Bar-Ilan University students, who packed the university auditorium to hear her and crowded on the rain-soaked lawns and in the cafeteria to listen to her through loudspeakers. Mrs. Meir told the students that "emotionally and intellectually" she refused "to regard any war anywhere as good for us. Our cause is just and if need be we ourselves will struggle for it, but not at the expense of someone else's blood. It is because of this conviction that we do not want to see a single American soldier fight for us and get hurt in our wars." Mrs. Meir said that even the mere hope that the Vietnam war (Continued page 2, col. 6)

## U.S. analyst says Israel has 4:1 air superiority

**Jerusalem Post Correspondent**  
**WASHINGTON.** Israel has an air superiority of about four to one over the Arabs. This estimate is made by military affairs writer, Martin Miller, in the military publication "Ordnance." This balance is between Israel and four Arab states: Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq. Mr. Miller estimates that by now those states have a first and second line strength of approximately 800 to 900 aircraft but where the Arabs have only 600 to 700 qualified pilots and are able to sustain three sorties per aircraft per day, Israel has at least one pilot per aircraft and is able to mount seven to nine sorties per aircraft per day. According to the writer's evaluation, Israel has now 132 Phantom jets, 180 Skyhawks, 120 Mirage Three's and 24 Barak planes. This aircraft, assembled in Israel, consists of Mirage Five frames and Phantom engines, he says. Its speed is more than two and one-half Mach and the payload is estimated between four and six tons. Israel also has 72 aircraft of the second line including Mystere Four's and Vautour's. In the case of resumed hostilities in the Middle East, Western military observers believe that the Israeli-built tactical missile MD-680 and the American-supplied Ryan Firebee-1 would be targeted against Egyptian missile sites. The Firebee has been modified by Israel for use as a bombardment weapon, Miller says.

## Israel checking reports on U.K. arms to Arabs

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
Israel is checking reports that Britain is selling Jaguar warplanes to Saudi Arabia and training Egyptian pilots to fly British-built Lightning warplanes. Officials in Jerusalem confirmed yesterday that if the reports of warplane sales to Saudi Arabia are true, they would be viewed here as a departure from the long-standing British policy of not supplying Middle East countries with ultra-offensive weaponry likely to upset the arms balance. Meanwhile, conflicting reports have reached this country that the Egyptians are being trained on the sophisticated warplanes in either Britain or Saudi Arabia.

## WILSON DUE

British Labour opposition leader Mr. Harold Wilson was due to arrive at Lod airport last night for a week-long holiday trip to Israel.

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# Peking ambassador walks out Brezhnev: Sole China aim is to harm Soviet

**MOSCOW.** — Soviet Communist Party Chief Leonid I. Brezhnev yesterday accused China of seeking the "greatest possible damage" to Soviet Russia. He delivered a blistering attack on Peking in a three-hour, 20-minute speech to celebrate the founding of the U.S.S.R. 50 years ago. Chinese sources said that during Brezhnev's tirade against China, Ambassador Liu Hsin-chuan walked out of the auditorium in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses. The ambassador was attending the ceremony with other members of the diplomatic corps. Brezhnev said sarcastically that China is a country where they "probably still remember the tremendous aid rendered by the Soviet Union." Juxtaposing "the good times in Soviet-Chinese relations" with the present day, the General Secretary viewed China through the Kremlin's prism and found that "the objective of doing the greatest possible damage to the U.S.S.R., of prejudicing the interests of the Socialist community, is now the sole criterion determining the Chinese leaders' approach to any major international problem."



Brezhnev during speech.

He disclosed that China had spurred a Soviet offer of non-aggression — to embrace both conventional and nuclear weapons — made in January 1971. "Speaking bluntly," he said, "what does Peking's foreign policy amount to today? It amounts to absurd claims on Soviet territory, to malicious slander of the Soviet social and political system, and of our peace-loving foreign policy."

## SPLIT THE CAMP

Other objectives pursued by the Chinese, he declared, were to split the "Socialist camp," to promote discord among "fighters for national liberation," to incite the Third World against Moscow and to seek common cause with any anti-Soviet state no matter its ideological complexion. Brezhnev dismissed as "impossible to understand" Peking's charge that it is under a "threat from the north." However much the Soviet Union wants to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with the Chinese, the outlook Brezhnev described was one of confrontation, intensified, though he didn't say so, by periodic border clashes. "Nothing," he said, "will make us depart from our principled Marxist-Leninist line, from our firm defence of the state interests of the Soviet people and the inviolability of Soviet territory, from our determined struggle against the divisive activities of the P.R.C. (Chinese) leadership in the Socialist world and the liberation movement." In his first direct statement on Indochina since the break in the secret Paris talks on Vietnam last week, Mr. Brezhnev conditionally held open the door for continued American-Soviet cooperation. He said the U.S. and the Soviet Union had laid the basis of their cooperation in the nuclear age on the principle of peaceful coexistence. "If the two countries — the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. — really follow the course charted jointly during the Moscow negotiations, I hold when President Nixon was in

and effective conduct of negotiations aimed at reducing forces in central Europe. Provided the West did not conduct talks in a cold war spirit the Soviet Union also favoured a broad exchange of ideas, information and contacts between nations in the European security conference now in preparation. But these exchanges would have to respect sovereignty, laws and customs in each country, and aim at promoting confidence and good neighbourliness.

**JAPAN TALKS**  
Mr. Brezhnev also said important negotiations are to take place next year with Japan, aimed at signing a Soviet-Japanese peace treaty. Mr. Brezhnev also revealed that the plan for a new Soviet constitution, dropped in 1966 and not mentioned since, was being reactivated. He gave no details of the kind of changes which would be made in the current "Stalin" constitution introduced in 1936, but observers here thought widespread reforms and liberalization were unlikely. A more likely result of a new constitution would be increased prestige for Mr. Brezhnev himself, who would be guaranteed a permanent memorial to his leadership of the Communist Party as a successor of Lenin and Stalin, inspirers of the 1924 and 1936 constitutions respectively. Mr. Brezhnev said work was under way to replace the Stalin constitution before the next Communist Party congress in 1976. He said the new constitution would be submitted for public discussion and would then, after the workers had proposed their amendments, be voted on in a nationwide referendum. Mr. Brezhnev gave no explanation for the project's removal from cold storage, saying only that "changes in the life of our country and the tasks put before our society in new conditions" should be reflected in the Soviet constitution.

## Nixon ultimatum to both Vietnams reported

**SAIGON.** — President Nixon told North and South Vietnam that unless they accept a peace agreement the North will continue to be bombed and the South will lose all military and economic aid, Vietnamese sources said yesterday. The sources said the warning was stated in a letter which Gen. Alexander Haig, the White House peace emissary, delivered on Wednesday to South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu. In Key Biscayne yesterday, the Florida White House acknowledged that Mr. Nixon had sent a private letter to the South Vietnamese President, but refused to discuss its contents. Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler would neither confirm nor deny that the letter given Thieu by Gen. Haig contained an ultimatum to both Saigon and Hanoi. Haig left Saigon yesterday after conferring with Thieu for 3½ hours over a two-day period. Vietnamese sources said Thieu gave him a letter to take to Mr. Nixon in reply to Mr. Nixon's letter. Haig told the South Vietnamese that President Nixon gave Hanoi 72 hours after the breakdown of last week's Paris peace talks to come to terms, then resumed the bombing of North Vietnam, the sources said. But Mr. Nixon also warned Thieu that all military and economic aid would stop if he did not accept the agreement once Washington finds it acceptable, the sources said. On Wednesday, Haig travelled to Vientiane, in Laos and to Bangkok. Haig was due to return to the U.S. later yesterday to report to President Nixon. (UPI, AP, Reuter)

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# Rape-murder of 13-year-old girl Accused killer admitted to crime, says his cousin

TEL AVIV. — The trial of Ahmad Amash for the rape-murder of 13-year-old Roberta Serbi opened in the District Court here yesterday with the accused's cousin declaring that Amash had admitted the crime to him.

Amash, a 40-year-old father of eight from Jisr e-Zarka, near Haifa, was arrested after the girl's body was found in a Tel Yitzhak citrus grove on October 25. Roberta, who had immigrated from Italy with her father in late September, had run away from the nearby Neve Ha-dash youth village a few days before.

## Prayer meetings today, 'anniversary' of Bir'im, Ikrit

HAIFA. — The public committee for the return of the Bir'im and Ikrit evacuees, headed by Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya, is to hold prayer meetings at the two villages tomorrow. The meetings were called to mark the 26th anniversary of the evacuation of the villages by the defense forces during the War of Independence.

Archbishop Raya yesterday published advertisements in "Al-Akaba," the Arabic daily, and in "Ma'ariv," announcing the meetings and calling on the Jewish soldiers who carried out the evacuation to attend.

## DRIVER KILLED IN CRASH

KFAR SABA. — Zacharia Amrani, 49, was killed when the car he was driving crashed into a lamp-post on a traffic island in Rehov Weizmann here at 11.30 p.m. Wednesday night. Police could not immediately establish the cause of the accident.

## NEW RATES for parcel post to foreign countries will go into effect January 1, the Communications Ministry announced yesterday. The revised rate schedule will be posted in all post offices.

## Meir on Vietnam

(Continued from Page One)

was coming to an end "makes us all happy. As citizens of the world we should cheer an understanding between the great powers with their hoards of destructive weapons.

"As for our particular interests, they depend in the final analysis only upon our steadfastness and determination. I hope that the Americans will not press us, but if they do we will just have to resist."

Mrs. Meir also called on the public to refrain from generalities and witch-hunts following the discovery of the Syrian-organized spy and sabotage ring. "Most of the Arabs here are loyal to the state and should not be considered suspect if a few betray it."

As for the four Jews arrested, Mrs. Meir said they "are sick, even if psychiatric examinations prove them legally sane. I have seen Israelis like them in London who are practically members of the Fatah. Still we should not draw generalizations..."

One answer of Mrs. Meir's did not draw applause — when she replied to a question about her position on raising students' tuition fees. Mrs. Meir said that she did not see why a student who came from a well-to-do family could not pay more. She recalled that one student told her that his father was well able to pay higher fees, but that he was too proud to take money from him. "Why are the students not equally proud about asking father for a car or receiving funds from Jews in Brooklyn and in Los Angeles. Most of the money that goes to maintain these universities comes from abroad."

She said that this was equally true of many of the other services the Government provided and about immigrant absorption. "Someone once told me that she is not against aliyah as long as it is not at the veteran's expense. The fact is that aliyah is not at our expense and that we are all being financially supported by contributions from abroad."

"We should not receive immigrants if we were doing them a favour. We need them no less than they need us."

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TEL AVIV. — "Herut is not even capable of establishing a 'shadow cabinet' let alone a real one," the secretary of the Labour Party charged yesterday.

Referring to the Herut convention in its opening remarks at yesterday's Labour Party Central Committee meeting, Secretary-General Amnon Yadin regretted that Herut could not provide the kind of effective opposition essential to a parliamentary democracy.

Mr. Yadin said it was clearer now than ever before that the pretensions of Herut to provide an alternative government have gone up in smoke. "Their convention broke up in disarray, with a resignation and a walkout."

Turning to his own party's internal unity, Mr. Yadin registered his concern at the intensified division between the pragmatist parties, warning against "internal wars of attrition." He earned applause when he welcomed the arrival of Raiza Paronche from a Soviet prison camp, speaking of her as "the symbol of Jewish and Zionist heroism, both for the State of Israel and for Soviet Jewry."

Mr. Yadin also denounced "the wicked bid to put Eliezer Givon Shmuel and the Hashomer Hatzair movement in the dock" (in the wake of allegations that a son of that kibbutz was a member of a Syrian spy ring) as "terribly dangerous for national unity. It is reprehensible that anyone should seek traces in legitimate Zionist concepts," he said.

## Israel in 'top 10' of fashion world

TEL AVIV. — Israel has become one of the top 10 countries in the fashion world, Yehoshua Linnov, chairman of the Fashion Centre of the Export Institute, said at a press conference on "preparations for Fashion Week here yesterday."

Fashion Week, Israel's winter, will be held at the Hilton Hotel from February 12-18. Some 30 Israeli manufacturers will exhibit their products to over 500 buyers from all over the world. (Him)

## States' witness CASHES 'I.O.U.'

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Zarfat agreed to testify against his fellow bank robbers in exchange for a plane ticket abroad and IL5,000.

## Missing soldier buried in Haifa

HAIFA. — Haifa soldier Dov Eshkol, whose remains were found on Tuesday near the Bardawil Lagoon in Sinai, was laid to rest yesterday in Haifa's military cemetery.

Eshkol was last seen alive May 1967, when he was sent to guard a military post. He was found by a number of Israeli soldiers on a beach near the Bardawil Lagoon. His remains were found with full military honors. (Him)

## 30th Sunday at nuclear centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BERSHEBA. — The staff of the Nuclear Research Centre in Dimona will stop work for two hours on Sunday in support of their demand that their representatives have a say in decisions on wages. If the management does not meet the demand they will stop working overnight, a spokesman said yesterday.

The workers committee served notice in late June of a labour dispute. But the Histadrut Trade Union Department refused to support the claim, stating that their grievances did not justify the disruption of an important and sensitive plant.

The workers are also demanding that the committee be constituted in such a manner as to include representatives of the management, and that the payment of their expenses be at least equal to that of technicians.

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NABLUS. — Three prominent residents of East Jerusalem and the West Bank have gone to Jordan to ask King Hussein to cancel the import duty levied by Jordan on goods from the West Bank. They will also urge him to commute the death sentences passed on 127 Palestinians in Jordan.

The delegation comprises Amnon Nusselbin of East Jerusalem, formerly Jordanian Defence Minister; Haj Ma'azuz al-Masri, Mayor of Nablus; and Abdul Raouf al-Faraj, a member of the Jordanian Parliament from Nablus.

Hikmat al-Masri, former Speaker of the Jordanian Parliament, has returned from a visit to Amman, where he failed to persuade the Jordanian authorities to abolish the import duty. He also visited Beirut.

## Zionist Council to meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Zionist Council will meet in Jerusalem on February 12, the date has been decided.

Arye Dulin will preside at the opening ceremony. President Golda Meir will address the Council and her position on "The Spiritual Influence of Israel on the Jews in the Diaspora."

Prime Minister Golda Meir will also address the Council.

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LABOUR PARTY SOURCES:

Mapam, Ahdut influence behind works committees

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter... A national meeting of works committees decided on Wednesday to a two-hour protest strike next week.

the Kibbutz Hame'uhad seminar in Kiryat Ono, at which the question of Mr. Ben-Aharon's position is expected to be aired.

Tourists freed in case of forged papers

Jerusalem Post Reporter... HAIFA. — Haifa Police on Wednesday evening released two British tourists arrested earlier that day in connection with the 200 forged French documents found aboard the m.s. Dan two weeks ago.

Fined for calling mayor an idiot

TEL AVIV. — Never tell the mayor he's an idiot, that's the lesson a merchant Pinhas Umidi learned in court here yesterday.

Doped Israelis jailed for theft in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN. — Two young Israelis convicted of robbing a municipal guard here earlier this year were sentenced to six-year jail terms by a Danish court on Wednesday.

December 28 school strike won't affect needy pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter... TEL AVIV. — The Secondary Schools Association and the Hita-Teachers Union joint head-

Police nab 41 theft suspects

TEL AVIV. — Police announced yesterday what they called a record haul of 41 alleged burglars caught during the previous 24 hours.

Police seize Gaza man in vengeance killing of cousin

HEBRA. — Police here have seized a young Gaza man who killed his own cousin. The body was found in a field near Kibbutz 10 days ago.

31 died in 1972 fires

31 persons and 28 animals in property this past Interior Ministry Director Haim Kubersky said yesterday.

Driver fined in road death

ASHKELON. — An Ashdod truck driver who ran down and killed an elderly pedestrian in January was fined IL4,000 here yesterday for causing death through negligence.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Miral Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 132377 and 705278.



Bubble-blowing at The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund's Christmas party at the Rosary Sisters orphanage in Ein Karem. Post staff members Issachar Iwas and Reuven Shem Tov show them how, as Mother Superior Vincent (left) and Sister Odille look on.

Post Toy Fund delivers Xmas gifts

Jerusalem Post Reporter... The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund made its annual delivery of toys and sweets to youngsters in two Jerusalem orphanages and a home for retarded children yesterday.

ful eye of the new Mother Superior, Sister Esperance Machini, they stole glasses at the boxes of toys which the sisters would distribute to them later.

Bethlehem completing Christmas preparations



The Mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij (left), and the Editor-in-Chief of The Jerusalem Post, Ted R. Laurie, look at a copy of The Post's Christmas Pilgrimage Supplement, seen coming off the presses yesterday. The supplement will be issued with the newspaper on Sunday morning.

Jerusalem Post Reporter... As Bethlehem put finishing touches on its preparations for Christmas, the town's Mayor, Elias Freij, visited The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

sea for the holiday. Most came on El Al, which has already brought in 40 plane loads and has 15 flights scheduled for today and 15 more for Sunday.

Nazareth goes on a shopping spree

Jerusalem Post Reporter... NAZARETH. — Residents of this city are in the midst of an unprecedented pre-Christmas shopping spree.

By yesterday over 2,000 travellers had visited Jordan since the new travel regulations were introduced 12 days ago.

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Kollek to get Israel's first Stradivarius

Jerusalem Post Reporter... A Stradivarius violin made in 1734 is to be presented to Mayor Teddy Kollek on Sunday by violinist Henryk Szeryng, during a concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at Binyamin Ha'oma.

The violin was reportedly been identified by experts as the one stolen in 1910 from the dressing room of violinist Eugene Tsaye during an appearance in Warsaw.

Astronaut's arrival is delayed

Jerusalem Post Reporter... ALLENBY BRIDGE. — Astronaut James Irwin made it to the moon and back, but faulty schedules prevented him from crossing the Jordan River bridge into Israel yesterday.

Irwin is to spend Christmas in Bethlehem and had flown from the U.S. with several hundred Baptist choral singers on a Jordanian charter flight "package" that would have brought the visitors to Israel yesterday.

A delegation of Tourism Ministry officials and a member of the Baptist congregation in Israel waited in vain at the bridge, tudding in a wintry drizzle, until the group's Arab travel agent arrived from Amman to inform them that the crossing had been postponed.

Meanwhile, the Tourism Ministry at the last moment squeezed in a meeting between the Apollo-15 astronaut and Premier Golda Meir, which was to have taken place this morning. But following the delay it was not known whether the meeting would take place.

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More rain predicted

Jerusalem Post Reporter... TEL AVIV. — The weatherman predicted scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms in most parts of the country today, and said temperatures will continue to drop.

Rugby in J'lem tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter... TEL AVIV. — The Israel Rugby Football Union's third and final trial, in preparation for the tour here early next month of a British Army rugby XV from Cyprus, will be played in Jerusalem tomorrow.

Labour gains among J'lem city employees

The Labour Alignment slate showed increased strength in elections conducted Wednesday by the Jerusalem Municipal Employees' Association. The slate drew 70 per cent of the votes, compared to 63 per cent during the previous elections (two years ago).

Audi 100 advertisement featuring a car image and text: 'A MASTERPIECE', 'AUDI 100', 'MOTOR REISE REVUE', 'AUDI NSU AHEAD THROUGH TECHNOLOGY'.

HEBREW HOTEL Restaurant advertisement with address and phone number.

Lancaster Carpets advertisement for Maxwellco The British Furniture Centre.

# THE VIEW IN PARIS No change in French policy toward Israel

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — There are no signs in Paris of any substantive change in France's pro-Arab Middle East policy in spite of the optimistic picture which French Ambassador Francis Hure painted when he called on Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Tel Aviv earlier this week.

With the approach of the French general elections in March the Government here is particularly eager to appease Jewish voters, who represent one-tenth of the electorate.

"Le Figaro" set the tone of the French press yesterday with an account of Mr. Hure's talk with Mr. Eban under the headline, "Franco-Israeli relations seem on the way to improving."

Rene Bauduc, the newspaper's correspondent in Jerusalem, reported that, apart from the thorny problem of the arms embargo, relations were improving in every field. The French journalist said: "France for its part avoids irritating Israel by spectacular — and useless — statements about the occupation of Arab territories by the Jewish state."

However, well-informed sources here point out that France continues to cast its votes consistently against Israel on every resolution at the U.N. concerning the Middle East. The French delegation's declarations in favour of the "legitimate rights and aspirations" of the Palestinians hardly confirm the argument that France is abstaining from statements offensive to Israel.

The sources recalled that the French Government continues to present its Middle East embargo as a specifically anti-Israel measure. This was the argument developed by French ministers to Libyan Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud here last month.

Jalloud was given all the assurances he requested on the continued delivery of Mirage warplanes. But the French authorities were so embarrassed about his visit, but for a journalist's indiscretion, it would probably still be a closely-kept secret.

Jalloud's trip to Paris symbolizes the ambivalent attitude which the French authorities are adopting towards Israel. Coverage of his visit here in the French press was deliberately kept down to a minimum, and Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann assured Israel's Ambassador, Asher Ben-Natan, that it was a purely routine affair.

## VISIT TO SYRIA

The French press also ignored the recent visit to Syria of Premier Pierre Messmer's right-hand man, Posts Minister Hubert Germain. Officials in Paris said Germain had gone to Damascus to discuss telecommunications. But the Syrians were probably nearer the mark when they reported an exchange of warm verbal messages between President Pompidou and Syria's President Hafez Assad.

The attitude adopted by the authorities here to the Jalloud and Germain visits underlines the eagerness of the French Government to pursue policies hostile to Israel while maintaining that it is behaving even-handedly.

The only real patch of blue sky on the horizon of Franco-Israeli relations is France's agreement to include Israel in the Common Market's negotiations with the Mediterranean countries on the creation of a free trade area. But even here France's prime consideration is not to make a friendly gesture to Israel, but to ensure privileged treatment for Spain from a reluctant European Community.

It is noteworthy that no French minister or spokesman has come

out with a frankly-worded statement friendly to Israel, while almost every day there are official demonstrations of sympathy for the Arabs.

This situation was emphasized this week when Arab ambassadors visited Mr. Schumann at the Quai d'Orsay to discuss the mysterious explosion of a bomb which wounded the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative here, Mahmoud Hamchari. The envoys said afterwards they were delighted with the French Minister's remarks about the affair.

Commenting on the breakdown of the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, Informateur Minister Jean-François Leclerc said this week that France considered that conflicts could be settled only by negotiation. But Leclerc failed to draw the logical conclusion that this argument applied equally well to the Middle East.

Mr. Schumann seizes every opportunity to stress the solidarity between France and its Common Market partners on international issues. However, France was the only member of the present European Community to abstain in the U.N. vote denouncing terrorism.

## French envoy says talk with Eban routine

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The French Ambassador, Francis Hure, said yesterday that his meeting with Foreign Minister Abba Eban had marked no new departure in French Middle East policy.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that newspaper reports of the meeting had shown "too much imagination." Israeli newspapers reporting on a briefing by a senior Government official wrote yesterday that the ambassador had asked for the interview in order to persuade Mr. Eban that Jerusalem took too negative a view of French policies towards Israel. Some newspapers detected in this the first signs of a change in French policy.

Mr. Hure explained to *The Post* that the meeting had been a "regular tour d'horizon," which was felt to be appropriate since he had not met the Foreign Minister since the summer. The two usually meet at frequent intervals for such wide-ranging reviews of the political situation, he explained, but first Mr. Hure and then Mr. Eban had been abroad and for that reason they had not met for some time.

Mr. Hure agreed that he had urged the Foreign Minister to take more cognizance of the positive aspects of French policy toward Israel, but emphasized that there was nothing novel or extraordinary in his doing so. He said that he had always been emphasizing the positive aspects of French policy — ever since his arrival in Israel. It was the function of ambassadors the world over, he noted, to portray their government's policies in the best possible light and impress their host governments with their fairness and rectitude.

Thus, in his meeting with Mr. Eban, he had said that no French or European initiative on the Middle East was likely in the foreseeable future. He also pointed out that it was France which had "opened a new perspective" for Israel by initiating the proposed global agreement between the EEC and Mediterranean countries. He termed France's Middle East policy "well balanced."



A priceless painting of the Madonna (above), by the Renaissance Master Giorgione, was recovered by Italian police yesterday after a gun battle and car chase. Police set up road blocks after an anonymous telephone tipster told them the painting, stolen 11 days ago from a cathedral in the Venice area, was to be moved. A sports car forced its way through a road block and police gave chase, firing on the car, and catching the driver, Alfredo Barbiero, 25. They made him take them to his house where they found the painting, known as the Castelfranco Madonna, undamaged. (AP radiophoto)

## Acknowledging the facts Two Germans sign good-neighbour treaty

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — East and West Germany yesterday signed a "good-neighbour" treaty formally recognizing each other as independent states and paving the way for both to enter the United Nations.

The treaty ending a generation of suspicion was signed by the men who negotiated it. West German Minister of State Egon Bahr and East German State Secretary Dr. Michael Kohl. Afterwards they both termed it a milestone in Europe from which both Germans and Europe could benefit.

The accord promises to usher in an era of good relations after two decades of mutual recrimination and hostility. "It acknowledges the international situation in the middle of Europe, in which there are two states which call themselves German," said Bahr in a prepared statement after the ceremony.

The treaty itself contains general pledges to develop cooperation in a number of fields, and not to try and represent each other internationally. Coupled with it is an exchange of letters calling for a number of human improvements to ordinary people in divided Germany. These include more travel possibilities for West Germans to the East, relaxations in restrictions on sending food and gift parcels, and improved postal and telecommunications contacts.

Separated families. The two sides will also get down to probably the most heart-breaking consequence of the division of Germany — solving the problem of separated families. One of the most far-reaching provisions will enable six million West Germans from more than 50 border villages and townships to cross over to neighbouring areas in the East nine times a year for up to 30 days.

The effects of the agreement will not be confined to the two countries, for the settlement of one of the thorniest problems in Europe leaves the way clear for multi-

national contacts between East and West in the framework of a European security conference and force-reduction talks. Most of the provisions come into effect when the treaty is ratified, which should take place in April or May next year.

The first effect came even before the treaty was signed, as Sweden and Austria both announced establishment of diplomatic relations with East Germany. Switzerland Wednesday became the first West-European country to do this.

Now that Bonn has formally dropped the so-called Hallstein Doctrine, which laid down that there was only one legitimate German state and any country recognizing East Germany could have no diplomatic relations with Bonn, a flood of recognitions is expected.

Indonesia, Lebanon and Tanzania also established full diplomatic ties with East Germany yesterday.

# 'U.S. using more fire power than at Hiroshima' Hanoi shoots down 3 U.S. B-52s, walks out of Paris peace talks

SAIGON. — North Vietnamese gunners shot down two B-52s yesterday and another late on Wednesday night, bringing to six the number of giant bombers lost since all-out air attacks on North Vietnam resumed Monday night, U.S. spokesmen said.

Twelve of the 18 crewmen involved are missing, the U.S. command in Saigon announced. Meanwhile, in Paris the Hanoi and Vietcong delegations stormed out of the 17th session of weekly peace talks yesterday in protest against the U.S. resumption of air strikes.

The loss of the heavy bombers occurred on the fourth consecutive day of saturation bombing raids by American B-52s and smaller jet fighter-bombers against North Vietnam.

Hanoi has described the attacks as the largest of the war. The U.S. command has declined to describe the raids, but military sources report more than 600 U.S. planes have been taking part.

Radio Hanoi said yesterday the fearsome reputation of the B-52s "sunk in the mud" under the deadly fire of North Vietnamese missile crews.

Prior to this week, only eight B-52s had been lost in the entire Vietnam war and only one of those to hostile fire.

The U.S. Command said two B-52s were shot down near Hanoi early yesterday and all 12 crewmen were missing. Another B-52 was hit on Wednesday night and crashed in Thailand while trying to make its way back to its home base. The six crewmen were rescued.

Although the U.S. Command refused information on the continuing raids, calculations based on the bombing capability of the planes taking part indicated they have struck North Vietnam since Monday with more explosive power than was contained in the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

In ground fighting, South Vietnamese paratroopers killed 56 Communists in two battles near Quang Tri city in the northernmost province of South Vietnam, the Saigon Command said. South Vietnamese casualties were reported as four killed and eight wounded.

Field reports from Da Nang said South Vietnamese infantry battled Communist tanks in the central coastal area.

Hanoi radio reported last night that the Cuban embassy compound in the capital had been bombed during the day. The broadcast quoted Cuban charge d'affaires Jesus Garcia Morales as saying that nearly all the residential areas of the compound suffered serious damage.

The radio also reported that a Russian ship was damaged during

U.S. raids on the port city of Haiphong. Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass reported from Hanoi yesterday that the Egyptian embassy had been damaged and the city's power plant and railway terminal destroyed in the latest raids.

In Paris, the Hanoi and Vietcong delegates said the raids would not change their demands that the October 20 peace accord be signed as it stands.

The American delegation said it was not surprised by the walkout only the second in the four-year history of the talks — and added: "Channels remain very much open."

The South Vietnamese said the Communists were trying to muzzle the talks. Although the Communists have several times cancelled peace talks sessions, yesterday's was the first walkout since February 24 this year when they stopped the 143th meeting in mid-flow.

The Hanoi and Vietcong delegates delivered their set speeches and proposed the conference meet again

next Thursday. Then, looking grim they strode to the door. The Vietcong announced in broadcast over its liberation radio monitored in Saigon yesterday that it will observe 24-hour Christmas and New Year's holiday truce periods. Allied forces have announced no truce for the period.

The radio said the truce would allow members of the South Vietnamese armed forces and police to go out to the liberated (Communist) area to join their families and pay visits to relatives and friends on condition that they go separately — not in lines and unarmed.

President Nixon himself is Washington Wednesday night spend Christmas at his home Key Biscayne, Florida. He was accompanied by his chief foreign policy adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger, the chief American negotiator at the Paris talks.

A White House spokesman said they would be joined today by General Alexander Haig, Mr. Kissinger's Deputy. (UPI, AP, Reuters)

## 'China, Russia to supply Hanoi with arms'

By K. C. THALER  
LONDON (UPI). — North Vietnam has asked China and Russia in parallel moves for arms and assistance and both have pledged their support, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The North Vietnamese approaches were made in Moscow and Peking in the past two days, the sources said. While the two countries pledged their support, apparently no detailed commitments were immediately made. The details of any new arms shipments are still to be worked out.

The main problem facing all three parties is the route through which new arms shipments on any appreciable scale can be channelled, as the American blockade of North Vietnamese ports was tightened again this week.

The reports said China is so far opposing united action with Russia on any new major arms lift to North Vietnam. Nor was Peking seen likely to allow the Soviets air or port facilities on its territory for the shipments of Russian arms to Hanoi.

The reports stressed that arms supplies to Hanoi have never stopped altogether, despite the American blockade and the recent peace moves. But supplies were said to have fallen off considerably and recently have slowed down even further since peace was held in limbo.

Hanoi had continued to sto arms while the peace negotiations were in full swing, the reports said. Diplomatic reports said that Communist arms have in fact been getting through to North Vietnam all along, despite the blockade. It was done partly by sea, but large by an air-lift and through increased movements across the China la route.

Peking shipments were understood to have fallen off considerably more than the Russian in recent months. Peking has rejected in the past any united action with Moscow arms shipments and was held unlikely to change its position on the score.

Within narrow limits China has however, allowed an increased flow of Russian arms shipments through China following the American blockade. The Chinese have been keeping a close eye on these movements, reportedly anxious not to further the influence of the Soviets in Hanoi.

Peking has long been eyeing with uneasiness and suspicion Moscow's attempt to boost its influence in Hanoi at Peking's expense. The reports said that China and Russia each continue to favour peace settlement in Vietnam. Neither wants to appear to be pressuring Hanoi into concessions.

Officially, both can be expected back the Hanoi policy line and peace terms against U.S. demand and compromise proposals.

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## Taiwan executes 3 drug smugglers

TAIPEI (Reuters). — Three Chinese, caught smuggling drugs from Hong-kong to Taipei in 1967, were executed by a firing squad here yesterday. This brought the total number of men executed for narcotic trafficking to five since the anti-narcotics smuggling law was enacted in 1952.

## Kidnapped U.K. executive was 'treated well'

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — The British executive, Ronald Charles Grove, who was released on Wednesday after being kidnapped by leftists, said yesterday that he was treated well by his captors.

An official of Grove's company, the London-based Vestey Group, said that more than \$500,000 ransom was paid. Grove, reading from a prepared statement, said he left his home on Sunday morning, December 10, to drive to a golf club. A pick-up truck, apparently trying to back up on a road near his house, forced him to slow down, and three men suddenly appeared.

"In a few seconds two of them had opened the doors and forced me into the seat of the truck, between them." During a one-hour ride he was transferred to two other vehicles and blindfolded before he arrived at a building.

"There I was placed on a bed and a doctor gave me a tranquilizer," Grove said. "I needed it." Grove added: "I want to emphasize that they treated me well and they tried to satisfy my requests. I ate steak regularly, as well as salad, fruit and coffee, or chicken and fish. At night I ate lightly, jam, cheese and salad. They offered me wine, which I did not accept, but I did accept a bottle of Scotch which I managed to make last for the entire 11 days." Grove appeared relaxed and

smiled broadly at the 10-minute news conference at the British Embassy. He declined to answer any questions, saying he was under orders of an Argentine Federal judge not to do so.

A spokesman for the Vestey Group had said earlier that the ransom was paid in Argentina to the People's Revolutionary Army.



Ronald Grove

## South Africa runs out of white men; blacks move into skilled jobs

By STANLEY UYS  
CAPE TOWN (Oma). — It was only a matter of time before South Africa ran out of white men. Now it has happened. The four million whites have discovered that they can no longer provide all the skills and managerial expertise needed by a population of 22 million.

The discovery is playing havoc with basic apartheid attitudes. Skills have always been the monopoly of whites, making them the elite among workers in the country. The colour bar ensured, too, that blacks could not easily mobilize their economic power.

Now this structure is beginning to break down. Although the Government still says it would rather be "poor but white, than rich and racially mixed," it is gradually accepting the principle of African advancement.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Marais Viljoen, has laid down the conditions under which this can take place: that "no whites shall be dismissed or replaced"; that "whites and non-whites doing the same work shall not be permitted to work shoulder-to-shoulder"; and that "no white shall ever receive instructions from a non-white."

The first condition is being observed, but the other two are already being breached, and will continue to be breached in more and more jobs. In time, this process might lead to racial friction, but by then white workers will be presented with an accomplished fact.

Understandably, therefore, Mr. Vorster's Government has no coherent labour policy. It has taken such a hammering over the years from employers, economists and opposition politicians over the labour shortage that it accepts that the colour bar can no longer be rigidly enforced. But it wants to control the pace of African advancement so that it does not antagonize its white followers or allow the Africans to establish a power base in the economy.

**NOT AN INCH**  
This explains why, in one breath, it declares that white workers will not yield an inch of their territory and, in the next, announces that it has taken on 3,000 non-whites to perform jobs in the State-controlled railways that, until recently, were the preserve of whites.

One estimate that has been made is that, by 1980, South Africa will need 3,500,000 skilled workers — in professional, technical and administrative posts, in clerical and sales



Black tribesmen waiting for the bus to take them back to the Katarura location from jobs in the city. (Camera Press)

jobs, and in industrial work. There will be, at most, 1,750,000 whites to fill these posts. When one looks at the country's labour ratio, it is obvious that the colour bar cannot survive. Of the economically active population, only 20 per cent are white. The rest are non-white — 68 per cent African, 10 per cent coloured (mixed race descent), and two per cent Asian.

There is another incentive to the Government to relax the industrial colour bar: the integration of non-whites into skilled jobs would bring with it higher wages and a vastly expanded consumer market. But again there is the fear that the non-whites would translate this economic power into political power. The pressure that is being exerted on the Government is not only to relax the industrial colour bar, but also to recognize country's Industrial Conciliation Act. African unions are not illegal, but they are not recognized officially — Africans are excluded from the definition of an "employee" — and they have no collective bargaining powers therefore. There are only 13 African trade unions in the country with a combined membership of 20,000. Africans, too, are not allowed to strike.

Recently, the Trade Union Council of South Africa, whose members consist of the more enlightened unions, has taken the lead in seeking the affiliation of African unions, and in pressing for their official recognition by the Government.

**GOVERNMENT FIRM**  
The Government, however, shows no signs of budging. It is firmly convinced that, if African unions are given collective bargaining rights and official recognition, they will become the instruments of "agitators" seeking to overthrow white rule.

Labour disputes will continue to be settled, therefore, by "labour committees," consisting of Government-appointed white labour officers and Government-appointed African members.

There is a growing movement, too,

to increase the wages of black workers. A recent survey showed that 30 per cent of Africans employed in the private sector earn less than \$35 a month, which is just under the poverty datum line income for an African family of five. In the public sector the position is even worse.

Many businessmen agree that it is good economics to pay their black workers better wages, but there is also a curious moral element in the situation: many white South Africans have been gripped by a collective conscience over the poverty wages they pay their black employees. They must first become more productive, they say, before they can raise wages above a subsistence level. This is a way of telling the Government to relax the industrial colour bar, the primary barrier retarding the productivity of black workers.

Possibly the most interesting development in the labour field has been the request made recently by the right-wing white Building Workers' Union to the Government to scrap job reservation and to allow the rate for the job to be set instead. The union has not held up this astonishing attitude for "trite reasons." It is that the colour bar has broken down so far in the building industry that white building workers feel threatened by cheap black labour.

This is the new factor in the labour situation in South Africa. White employers, workers, trade unions and politicians, confronted by slow but unstoppable advances by blacks into a whole range of jobs, are beginning to take the view that rather than see this advance take place through uncontrolled channels, they should help redirect it into controlled labour channels.

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# British espionage ring infiltrates Irish police

BELMONT (AP). — An Irish police officer and a Briton were charged with spying yesterday, and highly placed sources said Irish intelligence had uncovered a British espionage network operating within the police force.

The Briton was named as John [redacted] of London. The other man was identified as Patrick [redacted] of Dublin, a police officer. He was ordered held in custody. Police threw a tight security net around the Special Criminal Court when the pair appeared for their trial.

The two men left the court surrounded by a phalanx of police officers and driven off to the [redacted] prison. The case was opened until January 12 while a continuous investigation is conducted. Another victim of the terrorist warfare was a 22-year-old British soldier. Wounded three months ago in a gun battle with guerrillas, he died in hospital late Wednesday.

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Another three men were killed and one wounded individually by gunmen in passing cars as they walked on the streets of London, Dublin, Belfast, and the border town of Clonmore.

Extensive round of questioning by the Special Branch before being charged.

Senior Irish police officers have been concerned for some time about how British intelligence seemed to have access to top-secret information on the IRA inside the Republic, police sources said.

The arrests came at a time when the Republic and the British government seemed to be working closely together on an agreed policy to ward off the violence in Northern Ireland, police sources said.

The disclosure was likely to rattle the current good Anglo-Irish relationship, these sources added.

Two men charged yesterday seized in a Special Branch car on a downtown hotel in Dublin. Four automobiles packed with lives surrounded the Burlington Hotel. Two detectives went in to carry out a systematic search of the premises.

Two men were taken to the [redacted] police station for an in-

# 5 mowed down, left wounded on Belfast streets

BELFAST (AP). — Gunmen mowed down five persons yesterday leaving them wounded on Belfast streets, following one of Northern Ireland's bloodiest days in which eight persons were shot to death.

The wounded were three men and two Catholic teen-aged sisters. The men were believed to be Protestants. They were in serious condition.

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# Europe to join U.S. space plan

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Europe hitched its space effort yesterday to the American star. Ten European nations decided after a nine-hour meeting to accept in principle the U.S. invitation to join in the post-Apollo program for the "skylab" and "space shuttle."

Belgian Science Minister Theo Le Fèvre, chairman of the meeting, said he would send a letter to Washington yesterday, telling the U.S. government that "we will collaborate."

The meeting, held in the shadow of the successful end of the Apollo 17 flight, was called to rescue the European space programme from a decade of mild progress and spectacular failures. In that decade, only six European satellites have been launched — all on U.S. rockets. Europe's attempts to launch its own "Europa" space rockets have all failed.

The meeting had two major purposes before it — to join in the post-Apollo programme, using American launchers, or to take part in a French-inspired programme for an independent European launcher called the "L-3a" with France putting up 60 per cent of the cost. In the end, the ministers decided to do both.

But a communiqué left each nation free to opt out and said final decisions must await studies of costs and other factors. Britain, for one, said it would stay out of the French rocket project.



Jagged edge of burned out DC-9 looms behind as rescue workers probe the wreckage after Wednesday night's crash at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. (AP radiophoto)

# PLANES CRASH ON GROUND IN CHICAGO FOG

CHICAGO (Reuter). — Nine people died when a jet airliner ran into a taxiing plane while making its take-off run in swirling fog at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday night.

The North Central Airlines DC-9 was taking off for Madison, Wisconsin, with 45 people aboard when it hurtled into a Delta Airlines Convair 580 jet which had just landed from Florida. The wings were torn off the DC-9, which careered several hundred metres along the runway and caught fire. Of the 32 passengers aboard the Delta — which had its tail torn off — only two were among the 17 people injured. More than 100 passengers of the two planes escaped.

Investigators of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the Delta, on its way to the terminal, was apparently in the wrong part of the runway. They were waiting to question the ground controller who was supervising the taxiing plane. The controller, whose name was not given, was reported to be in a "state of collapse" and could not be questioned.

"We don't understand why the Delta aircraft was on that side of the terminal," an FAA spokesman said. "Under normal circumstances it should not have been there. At this moment we are not certain what instruction the ground controller had given to the (Delta) crew."

Investigators will study tape recordings of conversations between the controller and the Delta crew. Meanwhile passengers told of scrambling to safety from the doomed DC-9 seconds before it burst into a ball of fire.

None of the crew of either plane was injured. Mortuary officials said four of the nine dead were women, and emergency services said all other passengers had been accounted for.

# German student kills 2, starts fire that injures 13

ERLANGEN, Germany (AP). — An enraged student hurled a university Christmas party into a panic slaying his estranged girl friend and another student with gunshots and starting a fire that engulfed the zoology institute before he killed himself, police reported yesterday.

Thirteen other persons were injured.

Police identified the assailant as Robert Kausler, a 27-year-old zoology student, whose burned corpse was found next to those of his former girlfriend, Elfriede Gosenwein, and the other student, Kasia Plikos.

Another zoology student who was with the girls in a fifth floor room of the institute suffered gunshot wounds in the back and chest in the Wednesday night rampage.

# Escape holes drilled into Rio store debris

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter). — Rescue workers drilled holes through the debris of a collapsed supermarket yesterday in an exhaustive search for more victims trapped below tons of concrete and girders in the basement.

The rapidly built supermarket collapsed on Wednesday, killing at least 22 persons and burying hundreds more.

The drilled escape holes saved at least 50 people, including 12 children, who crawled to safety from the rubble of the fallen building, rescue officials said.

Rescue operation chiefs said it would take from two to six days to sift through the hundreds of tons of debris to get to the basement to establish exactly how many people died in the Christmas shopping tragedy.

The Rio Health Department confirmed the death toll and said there were "still more bodies" under the rubble of the month-old "Ideal" market in the working-class Pileiras neighbourhood on the city's north side. More than 200 persons were injured, health officials said.

Jose Tostes, president of the "Ideal" supermarket chain, would not comment on possible causes of the tragedy. He said his firm would aid all the victims. The supermarket was built in just 82 days, a "record," in the company's view then, to be ready for the Christmas season.

# Slide buries 40 shoppers in Ceylon

COLOMBO (Reuter). — A landslide swept away a crowded shop north of here on Wednesday and police said up to 40 people may have been buried alive.

About 50 tea plantation workers and their families were buying Christmas presents in the cooperative shop in Ragga, about 160 kms. from the capital of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) when the landslide struck.

Police and volunteer rescue teams digging through the rain-soaked earth for victims said yesterday they feared 40 people had been buried. About 12 dumplings of earth smashed into the shop in a hillside growing area. The bodies of two men were later recovered. Police said there was little hope for the rest of the victims as torrential rain was hampering rescue operations.

# U.S., Soviets agree on missiles watchdog

WASH. (UPI). — The U.S. and Soviet Union yesterday agreed to set up a watchdog committee to oversee the location of ballistic missile sites, ambassador Gerard Smith said.

The agreement at the first phase of the second Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) talks were set on February 27.

It stressed that the establishment of the Standing Consultative Commission was only the first step in controlling ballistic missile sites. The subject matter of the Commission's work is still to be decided, he said.

The agreement was signed by American negotiator Vladimirov and Soviet negotiator Vladimirov at yesterday's SALT talks in the U.S. mission. The end of SALT ended with an agreement in Moscow on a set of 100 missiles each for each phase of SALT 2 to be next February will be much

more complicated, according to American officials, because it will include the subject of the quality and destructive power of ballistic missiles rather than just their quantity.

The SALT 1 agreement called for a five-year freeze on all offensive ballistic missiles. The objective of SALT 2 will be not only to make this freeze permanent but also to limit heavy nuclear bombers, missile-bearing submarines and multiple warhead systems.

American officials said these talks could go on for five years.

Smith described the opening rounds of SALT 2 as being "very useful."

"They should lead to progress upon resumption of negotiations here next year," he said.

SMIFF. — A police dog named Arno sniffed his way through seven layers of plastic wrapping, aluminum foil and plastic tape to discover 70 kilos of cannabis resin packed in a metal container at the Frankfurt airport, it was reported yesterday.

# APOLLO CREW HOME

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI). — Apollo-17's astronauts returned home yesterday to a joyous welcome.

Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans and Jack Schmitt, clad in orange flight suits and dark blue caps arrived at Houston Air Force Base near Houston and were greeted by family, space officials, and about 1,000 well-wishers.

"There's no place like home," Cernan told the crowd. "You people out there make it what it is."

Evans said, "The best part of it is coming home and being with people here in Houston." He said he wanted to leave only one serious thought — "that we of the U.S.A., I feel, can be proud that we have culminated the beginning of man's exploration with Apollo-17."

There were about 30 persons in Cernan's official welcoming party and 27 in Evans', Schmitt, a bachelor, was greeted by his sister and a close friend, Mrs. Beth Williams, widow of astronaut Clifton Williams, who was killed in a plane crash.

A plane carrying moon samples flew into Houston a few hours before the astronauts. One of the first containers to be opened holds orange soil which could be proof of recent lunar volcanic activity.

Cernan, as he stepped from the plane, scooped up his daughter Tracy, 9, and then gave his wife a kiss. He told her, "It's the best and a close friend, Mrs. Beth Williams, a former airline stewardess, blinked back tears.

All three members of Evans' family — his wife, daughter and son — were crying.

# U.K. jobless in biggest drop

LONDON (UPI). — Britain's jobless total dropped 25,479 between mid-November and mid-December — the biggest fall in one month at this time of year in more than 30 years — the government announced yesterday.

# Iraq said massing troops along Kuwait border

BEIRUT (UPI). — Iraq forces at division strength are deployed along the border with Kuwait in what might be a pressure play to obtain money, the magazine "Al-Hawadess" said yesterday.

In a report from Kuwait by its editor, Selim Louzi, the magazine said Iraq had told the Kuwaiti government the deployment was connected with Iraq's dispute with Iran.

Iraqi relations with both Iran and Kuwait have frequently been strained because of territorial disputes. Louzi recalled that in 1961 Iraq claimed Kuwait was an integral part of its territory. But it gave full recognition of Kuwait's independence in 1963 when Kuwait granted Iraq a 30 million dinar (\$50m.) loan.

Louzi said Iraq might be resorting to military pressure to persuade Kuwait to grant another loan to help Iraq through difficulties caused by its nationalization of the Iraq petroleum company.

Kuwaiti sources said that a Kuwaiti parliamentary delegation will visit Baghdad tomorrow to discuss development of relations and border issues between Iraq and Kuwait.

Beirut press reports said that the Kuwaiti Defence Ministry was told by a border post on December 11 that Iraqi troops were deployed in areas facing Kuwaiti positions.

On the following day, the post reported that a number of tractors driven by some officers and workers had penetrated eight kms. within Kuwait territory and were building a road in the direction of Umm Qasr on the Gulf coast.

# Arab women want to fight Israel too

KUWAIT (Reuter). — A three-day conference of Arab women ended here yesterday with a call for equal rights with men in the Arab world — including the right to fight against Israel.

Other recommendations were that marriage of girls below the age of 16 or even 18 should be banned, and that the dowry tradition in marriage should be minimized.

The conference, called by the Arab world, urged establishment of a women's military force to back Arab men in their confrontation with Israel.

# TRUMAN 'VERY SERIOUS'

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (UPI). — Former President Harry S. Truman was fed yesterday through a rare intravenous method designed to nourish him while bypassing his failing kidneys.

Truman, 88, hospitalized 13 days ago, was in "very serious" condition, suffering from a weak heart, hardening of the arteries, lung congestion and the build-up of poisons in his system because of the inadequately functioning kidneys.

A medical spokesman said the new feeding process had not had enough time to prove its effectiveness.

"There has been no change in Mr. Truman's condition," said research hospital spokesman John Drowes.

Fearful that the build-up of poisons in his system would eventually prove fatal, doctors devised what the spokesman called "a new approach to feeding designed to provide essential amino acids normally supplied but without the waste by-products given off in the normal metabolic process."

# Algeria party leader resigns

ALGERIA (Reuter). — Ahmed Kaïd, head of the only Algerian party, the National Liberation Front, has resigned "for pressing health reasons," the presidency announced here yesterday.

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Golda Meir, Israel's First Minister to Moscow, surrounded by Jews outside a Moscow synagogue.

Henry Shapiro, who has been UPI Correspondent in Moscow for 40 years, writes here of the years between the end of World War II and the death of Stalin. This is the fifth of eight articles being published by *The Jerusalem Post*.

# Victory's bitter fruits

COW (UPI). — A sense of... the country in... the victory cele... that followed the defeat of... Germany. Most of the... I knew were convinced... years of affliction were now... this time a real "Brave... World" was in the offing...  
scalled lung talks I had with... Rya Ehrenburg, Deputy... Minister Solomon Lozovsky... other intellectuals one night... a beginning of the war when... den air raid drove us into the... sent of the Foreign Ministry...  
y projected a happy post-war... of close, friendly relations... the democratic West, higher... standards and more civil... as for the Soviet people...  
s was one refrain in their...: "We have suffered so... and sacrificed so much. We... proved our loyalty. We can... stand with more freedom."

marshals," he said. Stalin was not... discriminating in this respect...  
Not much was expected in the... way of an immediate rise in the... living standard. The dreams were... more for the future. The land was... in ruins. If a straight line had been... drawn from Leningrad south to the... Black Sea, it would have found... most inhabited areas in ashes... with many of the population —... their homes destroyed — still in... dugouts...  
According to official figures, 20... million persons were killed or... died in the Soviet Union as a... result of the war. Unofficial reliable... estimates put the figure as close... to 25 million. The villages I visited... near Moscow and in the Ukraine... had no men, horses or agricultural... machinery. Most of the work was... done by women...  
There was much hope of relief... from America but political relations... which had begun to sour in the... last few months of Roosevelt's... life grew rapidly worse in the... Truman Administration...  
Ambassador Averell Harriman... was giving a dance for a group... of young diplomats on the evening... of April 12, 1945, when he was... suddenly called out of his bathroom... and disappeared for the rest of the... evening...  
Roosevelt's death...  
We "knew something" had gone... wrong when Harriman did not... appear. After discreet inquiries I... learned that West Vice Premier... and Foreign Minister Vyacheslav... Molotov, a guest, also had left...  
I rushed back to the Hotel... Metropole where I was living and... was greeted in the lounge by the... courtly porter with a cable in his... hands and tears on his face. "I... have been looking for you," the... porter said, "and since I could not... find you I opened the cable. It... says here President Roosevelt died."

but so weak, I felt so sorry for... him. He had to be carried to bed...  
The Soviet grief was universal... During the war, somehow or other,... ordinary people had come to con... tact Roosevelt with something good... for the Soviet Union. The feeling... now seemed to be that his death... boded evil...  
There was, of course, no causal... relationship but the blows to... popular hopes came soon and fre... quently and there was to be no... relief until Stalin died, March 5,... 1953...  
The grand coalition appeared to... collapse even before the war ended... when the Western Allies and the... Kremlin disagreed on the treatment... of liberated Eastern European... countries where Communist-domi... nated governments took over...  
But there was still the victory... over Japan to come...  
Early in 1945 I got wind of a... solemn Soviet promise at the Yalta... Conference, February 3-11, to enter... the war against Japan in about four... months. Allied ethics and the rigid... censorship did not permit me to... alert my New York United Press... headquarters at the risk of advising... the enemy...  
I therefore cabled to news editor... Earl Johnson to send me some... maps of the Far East and Outer... Mongolia. Johnson caught on and... asked me when I would need the... maps. I replied "about July." I was... wrong by a few weeks...  
The atomic bombing of Hiroshima... August 6 found me at Belgrade... where a group of Moscow corre... spondents were the guests of Marshal... Tito...  
When the news came we sat up... most of the night pondering and... worrying about the future of man... kind. We had caught a broadcast... from London which had quoted... Albert Einstein to the effect that... the planet earth could now be de... stroyed...  
The next day at lunch I sat next... to Tito whom I questioned about... the effectiveness of the bomb as... an ultimate weapon. Never slow to... answer, the Yugoslav leader said: "Machines and weapons are not... decisive... It's human beings who... matter." My impressions were that... Tito either did not realize the sig... nificance of nuclear weapons or... was whistling in the dark...  
A few days later, the Soviet... Union declared war against Japan, an... event which was further to com... plicate already troubled East-West... relations...  
Back in Moscow I had no need... for those maps of the Far East I... had requested. The war was over... But, here as elsewhere, the atom... bomb was the main preoccupation... Until the Cold War was started in... 1947 with its crackdown on re... lations between Soviet citizens and... foreigners it was still possible to... have frank discussions with Rus... sians...  
Dominant power...  
They emerged from the war as... the dominant power in Europe and... apparently there were great hopes... and a grand design for the spread... of communism. There was no other... effective military power in Europe, but America had the atom bomb... and apparently was in Europe to... stay...  
Hiroshima appeared to have pro... duced an inferiority complex in the... Kremlin which was not dissipated... until November 6, 1952, when Mol... tov announced Moscow had broken... the American atomic monopoly...  
There was to be neither domestic... nor foreign relaxation for the... Russians...  
Most frustrated of all layers of... society were the peasants. There... was some expectation of a liberal... ized status for the collective farms... but instead their condition worsen... ed. They were short of manpower, machinery, animals, fertilizers, and... like the rest of the country, starved... for consumer goods. As future... Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev was... to admit later, at Stalin's death, cereal production was lower than... in 1913 and livestock had declined... by 68 per cent since before the... 1917 revolution...  
The glorification of Stalin, who... in the propaganda of the day had... won the war almost single-handed, reached proportions equalled and... surpassed only by Mao Tse-tung... years later. His growing suspicious... ness, if not paranoia, was fed by... his wily fellow-Georgian, Lavrenti... Beria, who had been in control of... the security agencies since 1938...  
Disagreement on the German... problem proved one of the main... obstacles to European detente...  
At the end of the war the United... States offered Moscow a 25-year... pact to neutralize Germany. But... Stalin, as Khrushchev was to tell... Canadian Ambassador Arnold Smith... later, rejected the offer out of hand... because he was convinced West... Germany would go communist soon...  
Hopes for normal, if not friendly, relations with the United States... vanished when the West struck... back with the Truman Doctrine... offering aid to countries under the... threat of communism. Then came... Churchill's Fulton, Missouri, "Iron... Curtain" speech, and the Marshal... Plan which the Russians could... have joined but decided to boycott...  
The Cold War almost developed... into a fighting conflagration with... the blockade of Berlin in 1948... which Moscow lifted almost at the... last critical hour...  
In the fall of 1945 Golda Meir, who was the first Israel envoy here, went to the synagogue on the Jewish Day of Atonement. After the services she was escorted to her hotel by several score worshippers and admirers. In the infamous popular imagination of the time this became "thousands of Jews manifesting their loyalty to the representative of a foreign State." All Jewish cultural institutions were dissolved, and the anti-Jewish feeling was to be steadily inflamed, to culminate in the arrest in 1952 of 15 of the most eminent Kremlin doctors. Most of them were accused of the capital crime of being "agents of the Joint Distribution Committee which under the direction of American intelligence conducts espionage, terrorism and other subversive work in many countries, including the Soviet Union."

That year also saw the expulsion... of Yugoslavia from the communist... fold, the first break in the mono... lithic Soviet-led bloc, to be dwarfed... later by the more fateful Sino... Soviet split and consequent disar... ray in the communist world...  
No communist leader had ever... defied Stalin before as Tito did and... got away with it. "I shall lift my... little finger and Tito will fall,"... Stalin was reported to have... boasted...  
Tito, whom Soviet propaganda... built up as another Hitler, did not... fall. He lived to extract the sup... reme humiliation from Stalin's... successor, Khrushchev, who, in... 1955, went to Belgrade, hat in... hand, to apologize...  
In the waning Stalin years cen... sors for foreign correspondents... reached the heights of severity... Before and during the war the... censors were visible and accessi... ble. Very often it was possible, after a discussion with the censor, to have copy which had been de... leted, killed or truncated, restored... to its original form...  
Crude frame-up...  
Had Stalin lived another year the... physicians would doubtless have... been found guilty and there is no... telling how far anti-Semitism... might have developed. But evidence... made available after his death re... posed the case as a crude frameup... and all victims who survived ar... rest were rehabilitated...  
In the meantime a group of emi... nent Jewish writers and poets were... executed for unannounced reasons... Later it was learned that the group... had proposed a site for a Jewish... community in the Crimea for re... fugees from the western areas of... the Soviet Union whose homes had... been destroyed by the Nazi ad... vance. This was interpreted as anti... Soviet plotting and the penalty was... death...  
(Next: The Death of Stalin — Start of a New Era)

total mobilization...  
state of total mobilization, every... able-bodied man and... 15 to 60, was in service... of labour and had access... to... disloyalty could have... ugly forms. Disaffected... war-time often turned... against their rulers...  
was not to be re...  
the victorious Red Army over... central Europe and... and emptied the prisoner... or camps, the returning... were not greeted as con... heroes but were marched... decontamination" camps for... briefing periods...  
I practised the dogma, "soldiers do not fall prisoner,"... died it to his own son, Maj... Djugashevili, who, by all... a, fought bravely at the... of Smolensk as commander... artillery battery until his... ition ran out and he was...  
Adolf Hitler, in 1943, offer... exchange his beaten com... of the Stalingrad front... Friedrich von Paulus, for... Stalin angrily refused...  
Red Army does not ex... its soldiers for German...  
Roosevelt's death...  
We "knew something" had gone... wrong when Harriman did not... appear. After discreet inquiries I... learned that West Vice Premier... and Foreign Minister Vyacheslav... Molotov, a guest, also had left...  
I rushed back to the Hotel... Metropole where I was living and... was greeted in the lounge by the... courtly porter with a cable in his... hands and tears on his face. "I... have been looking for you," the... porter said, "and since I could not... find you I opened the cable. It... says here President Roosevelt died."

Israel 'harvested nothing' in Chad...  
TOMBS (UPI). — President Fran... cois Tombalbaye of Chad said yes... terday in a speech in Tripoli, Libya, that Israel had "harvested nothing" in his country after he cut off their... relations earlier this year...  
Tombalbaye, who began a visit... to Libya on Wednesday, said in the... televised speech that all Israeli-ini... tiated projects had been terminated...  
Tombalbaye said the break in... relations with Israel was "the ex... pression of the friendship which... exists between Chad and its Arab... neighbours, all members of the or... ganization of Arab unity."

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Rise in work accidents

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter. A 67 per cent increase in work accidents so far in 1972 has prompted the Knesset Labour Committee to schedule a debate on work accidents in the near future, at the request of one of its members, Dov An (Alignment-Mapam).

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Craze for collecting SMALL COINS — BIG MONEY



Israel Avni of the Coins and Medals Corporation. (David Harris)

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter. A CURRENT craze among the many Israelis seeking new outlets for surplus money is coin collecting. The interest in commemorative coins has grown to such a degree that some daily newspapers regularly publish the market prices of these coins.

Small coins add up to large sums. This Talmudic quotation seems to be the credo of the collectors. Their appetite is so big that many parents who decided to buy their children the 1972 Hanukkah commemorative coins found that by the middle of the festival week the whole issue had been bought up.

Israel Avni of the Coins and Medals Corporation. (David Harris) stated) mint with a very small Star of David on it, the second, Proof quality, with a small Hebrew letter mem (for meyzah — "specimen").

dumping possible. (From reliable sources it was learned that, for example, more than half the 75,000 BU Hanukkah coins were sent abroad.) Even if we were able to double the amount of coins minted, there would still be a big demand. Just the same, Mr. Avni believes that if he were allowed to increase the number of coins minted, this could solve part of the problem.

"But we will never be able to saturate the appetites of the numismatists throughout the world. There are about eight million coin collectors in the U.S. alone. Our coins are in great demand in numismatic circles for many reasons including their beauty and scarcity.

The highlight of the minting programme for the 25th anniversary of the State will be Independence Day coins which will be sold to the public this coming May. The eyes of the small army of investors, dealers and bankers are not so much on the commemorative silver coins, but on a special set consisting of gold IL200, IL100 and IL50 coins.



Nabbus factories have introduced more sophisticated machinery in the last few years and there has been a big rise in output. The making of shoes and sandals is one of the major industries.

Another factory, Faked Wehbeh and Sons, is a sewing plant for Ata, and employs 156 women. The picture was taken at the Zaghel shoe factory. (Barzilai)

TEL AVIV STOCKS End of an exciting week

TEL AVIV. — The closing of the Tel Aviv Stock Market yesterday afternoon marked the end of one of the most exciting weeks in the market's history. At the beginning of the week a heavy turnover of about IL5.6m. was accompanied by rising prices. Midweek a wave of profit-taking hit the market, but yesterday the stocks were firm again. Turnover amounted to IL5.6m. with 70 per cent in the variables. However, investors were selective in choosing their issues.

Among last week's best performers were first, the stocks of the Discount concern. I.D.B. advanced from 284 1/2 to 291. Discount A from 656 to 700 and Discount Investment was a topper: 377 1/2 to 304 1/2. Also the Clal group improved considerably: Clal Ind. from 199 1/2 to 233, and Clal Investment climbed from 229 1/2 to 247 1/2.

A minor transition from the short-term loans and bonds can have a major influence on the demand for stocks. It seems that this is what is actually happening. Nevertheless, some believe this "boom" is temporary, but on a short-term basis bond investors are prepared to speculate. The heavy fluctuations up and down in the leading stocks confirm this buy and quick-sell mood.

'THINK TANK' AT TECHNION

Jerusalem Post Reporter. HALFA. — I.B.M. yesterday opened a scientific centre at the Technion, its first between Europe and the Far East, and the eighth the computer firm has established outside the U.S.

Industry, Mr. Haim Bar-Lev, who spoke at the opening ceremony, said Israel must utilize its only natural advantages, Jewish brains and science, to develop industry and increase economic independence. The new centre would be an application of this theory.

The I.B.M. centre, described as a "Think Tank," will utilize the facilities of the Technion's computer centre to further research in various fields. For a start six scientists will work at the centre, and the initial activities will include feasibility studies in the medical field.

Other speakers were Technion President Alexander Goldberg, Mr. David Cohen, general manager of I.B.M. in Israel, and Professor Josef Raviv, director of the centre.

Egged to get new colours

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Egged buses on urban and inter-urban routes will be painted blue, and tourist coaches red, the spokesman of the cooperative, told Tel Aviv Rotary Club members here yesterday. (Present colours are light green for regular route vehicles and light blue for tourist coaches.)

Labour dispute with social scientists

TEL AVIV. — The 20,000 members of the Union of Social Science and Economics graduates have proclaimed a labour dispute. Their demand to raise the minimum basic pay in their professions was rejected by the employers' representatives.

Table with columns for Foreign Exchange rates (Dollar, DM, Swiss Fr.) and Interest Rates (3 Months, 6 Months, 12 Months).

New highway projects announced

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Work will begin next year on a north-south highway bypassing Tiberias, the Labour Ministry announced yesterday. The aim will be to divert traffic from the present route — the steep Nazareth-Tiberias stretch — that is considered hazardous.

Downward slide continues

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market continued to slide downhill yesterday for the fourth straight session as investors still expressed apprehension over Vietnam developments.

lysts said most of the plunge was due to the Vietnam stalemate. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had risen more than 3 points during the morning, closed down 4.82 at 1000.00. This barely avoided closing below the closely-watched thousand mark.

Holy Land pilgrimages. A special, 20-page holiday supplement, free with Sunday's THE JERUSALEM POST.

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DEAL IN HUSHED TONES. The "unofficial bourse" is in a cafe on the corner of Allenby and Rothschild in Tel Aviv. The "bourse-operators" sit or stand with their brief cases held tightly in their hands.

ENDLESS DEMAND. Mr. Ury Shalit, a prominent stamp and coin dealer-exporter, gave us the following example of the effects that the speculators have left on the philatelic market.

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## FRANCE LOOKS INWARD

THE effort this week by the French Ambassador in Israel to persuade Foreign Minister Abarbanell that French policy in the Middle East is less hostile to Israel than Israelis generally believe is in itself a welcome development.

Such sensibility to Israel opinion is itself a basis on which better relations might be built in the future.

However, it is also true, as Mr. Eban reportedly told the envoy, that there have been no signs of any basic change in France's generally partisan pro-Arab posture. The arms embargo remains in effect, even as the Paris Government chooses not to acknowledge that French planes are being supplied to Egypt through Libya, and official French declarations on the Middle East are almost without exception designed to court Arab opinion.

Israel has learned to endure this French attitude and the abruptness with which it was enunciated in 1967, while at the

same time retaining its confidence that, in due time, more balance will be restored to French policy.

In the months ahead, and perhaps contrary to President Anwar Sadat's hopes, no significant initiatives can be expected in French Middle East policy. For with elections to the National Assembly in the offing and an apparent sharp decline in Gaullist popularity, France will be focused inward on the real challenge to Mr. Pompidou posed by the Left coalition led by Mr. Mitterrand.

It may be the case that, in these circumstances, the French Government would like to trim some of the surface thorns in relations with Israel. But more fundamental departures of policy, whether favourable or unfavourable from Israel's point of view, must await the French electorate's determination of where it thinks France should go and under what kind of leadership.

## PUNISHING IMMIGRANTS

THE Government's Revenue Department may have acted too hastily in effecting the new tax rules for immigrants. Those rules, announced this week, do away with a series of benefits originally designed to ease an immigrant's absorption.

Admittedly, these privileges occasionally proved abusive. Some of the public, and the bureaucrats directly charged with administering these regulations, resented these perquisites offered to newcomers, although they were limited to a three-year period and designed specifically to ease the process of absorption.

The rationale for the curtailment of most of the benefits is in the Treasury's own words — "unfair exploitation" of those benefits. Officials even offered a bizarre illustration: of approximately 20,000 cars imported this year, they said, 160 brought in

as the property of immigrants or disabled persons were found to have been re-sold illegally. One need not be a statistician to wince at this chain of reasoning.

Especially puzzling is the ban on duty-free gift parcels from abroad. For a period of 36 months, a newcomer could enjoy such free contact with his family abroad. It seems Customs agents discovered the contents of a few such parcels up for sale a few days after they had been cleared by customs. But as a result tens of thousands of immigrants can no longer receive such gift packages.

Since the nation's express policy is to encourage immigration, and since immigration from western countries — those most affected by the new rules — has dropped sharply, the Finance Ministry would do well to review the issue.

## ISRAEL PRESS

### Vietnam and the Mid-East

Editorials continue to deal with the unprecedented U.S. bombing "blitz" on North Vietnam. Al Haimshar (Meqam) comments: "There are two reasons for the general disappointment at the resumption of the bombing: In the first place, it seemed as if peace was within reach; secondly, the renewed conflict increases the danger of international confrontation. Nixon is apparently basing his considerations on increased pressure on Hanoi by China and the Soviet Union, who desire improved relations with Washington — but this may turn out to be an erroneous consideration. In Israel, too, the fresh outbreak of warfare is observed with concern, since it might have an adverse influence on the calm in this region."

between Moscow and Cairo are thus apparently true... Continued Soviet coolness towards Egypt will help reduce tension and increase the prospect that Cairo will agree finally to turn to a political solution."

Haimshar (National Religious): "The French Ambassador has attempted to clarify that his Government's position was not hostile towards Israel. However, as long as Paris persists in its policies of an embargo towards Israel and the supply of arms to Libya, no meaningful change can be seen in France's policy."

Summing up the 27th session of the U.N. General Assembly, She'arim (Folked gadat Yisrael) says that it ended in total failure, proving how much of a nuisance and a threat the U.N. is to the world.

Haimshar (non-party) is of the opinion that the legislative initiative of Members of Knesset Ofer and Sadat to change the system of vote distribution is undemocratic. The paper proposes that it is preferable to continue to distribute the remainder of votes as before, there being no harm if this happens to benefit the smaller parties. Galal can defeat this manoeuvre, which would definitely bring most benefit to the Alignment, and there is no reason why the members of Dr. Sadat's party should get bogged down in his unfortunate proposal.

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# INFLATION: LET THE PEOPLE KNOW

THE Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sanbar, has spelled out in exact figures what everybody was suspecting: that inflation is gaining ground and damaging the economy, and that the Government is not taking adequate measures to check its advance. His forecast has been given due publicity, but is unlikely to affect the course of events. One may even wonder for what purpose the warning was given.

Mr. Sanbar cannot have been trying to make his voice heard by the Government. For that he did not have to convene a press conference. Moreover, he has already submitted to the Government two reports on the excessive rise of the means of payments this year. Both reports included detailed recommendations. Can he have expected that unsolicited advice through the press would be better heeded than his other warnings?

It is unlikely that the Governor intended through his press conference to solicit the support of the Knesset. His reports in the past have been addressed also to the Knesset Finance Committee, which could have acted long ago if it wished to interfere, or was able to. But nobody — least of all the Knesset itself — expects our parliament nowadays to act other than as the Government's sounding board.

The Governor's warning cannot either have been addressed to the public, which has no say in the shaping of our economic policies. Moreover, it is not the current inflation caused largely by programmes intended to endear the Government to the public on the eve of elections?

### Trade union pressure

As a matter of fact, on the same day that Mr. Sanbar issued his warning against the rising tide of inflationary wage increases, the Eshratim's Secretary-General, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, announced that the trade unions would step up pressure to be recompensed for the rising cost of living.

Mr. Sanbar's gravest argument has been about the increasing diversion of resources to private consumption. But who in this country is frightened by this prospect?

Per capita consumption was planned to rise about four per cent this year, double the amount recommended by economists. Actually it seems to have risen about six per cent. For the next year 8.5 per cent has been forecast, but the figure may be more.

Private consumption absorbed about one-half of the total increase in economic resources in 1972, as compared with 13 per cent in 1970. In 1973 it will probably devour most of the expected GNP's increment, leaving little to either investment or export. Still, most people consider themselves under-privileged, and no group or party advocates even a slowing down of this process, which before long must defeat its own purpose.

Mr. Sanbar must have been aware of this, and yet he appealed to the Government to reduce the people's purchasing power by IL900m. in the next budget year, equivalent to about the doubling of the purchase tax, or to a 25 per cent increase in income tax or to cutting more than one-third of the Development Budget.

The time has come not only to impose unpopular deflationary measures, but to enlist popular support for them, writes POST Economic Editor Moshe Ater.

Whether or not he was aware of this, he has thus exposed the malaise of our democratic system in which the executive operates virtually without effective brakes.

The Governor of the Bank of Israel is the Government's economic adviser — but no more than that. And if his advice is disregarded — as it usually is — the Finance Minister is not expected even to give his reasons, because we have no expert unbiased body to discuss the issue, thoroughly.

However, the Governor's warning should be seen also from another angle. It is unlikely to be taken too earnestly because it is not actually intended to warn the people as it adheres to the established pattern of policies imposed by the authorities without taking the public into their confidence.

Mr. Sanbar forecasts that if his proposals for the 1973-74 budget are not followed prices will go up as much as this year, i.e. at least 12 per cent, instead of the six to eight which planners consider the safety limit. But that limit is already based on the cost increases that took place this year, part of which could have been avoided. And the Governor himself has given his blessing to the wage accord, which was the starting point of this year's inflationary development.

### Exceeded wage agreements

Admittedly, most wage agreements have exceeded the limits originally set for them, and the current strike wave was not foreseen by the inner circle of economic planners. For this the planners have nobody to blame but themselves, and their presumption that free people can be made to accept objectives fixed from above without being consulted.

If wage-earners were made to understand that the most they can achieve is an improvement of, say, three to four per cent with stable prices, most of them would probably forgo wage increases of 20 and more per cent plus inflation, as recommended by the trade unions.

There would remain grievances of groups claiming that they are discriminated against, but these disputes can be settled only by mutual consent, and never by piecemeal action, since yielding to one group immediately leads to a snowballing of other demands.

The man in the street may be excused for failing to grasp this complex mechanism, but the authorities concerned could have warned and educated him while there was time. Instead, they yielded to the popular appetite and let inflation proceed. Now, after the unions and the action committees have tasted

blood, and with price controls approaching their breaking point, the authorities are crying wolf.

But why should the merry-go-round be stopped just at this moment? There is no special emergency in sight. And nobody is going to believe that there is a basic difference between an annual eight per cent inflation and 12 per cent. It is this discretionary character of Mr. Sanbar's appeal which must make it ineffective. Inflation can be held in check — in spite of all odds — only if people oppose it and blame themselves (and the authorities) for not preventing it.

If Mr. Sanbar is right, that we are heading for disaster (or a slowdown), the change should not be confined to technicalities, such as tax rates or size of subsidies or access of private firms to the capital market, or even another forced loan. This is not to deny the importance of such measures, but while they may stave off imminent danger they are bound to be resented, and likely to generate popular discontent.

It was the forced loan collected in 1970-1971 — unaccompanied by appropriate policies in other fields — that led to the upsetting of the wage freeze. It is the fear of a voters' revolt that stung the Finance Minister Sapir in introducing the Value Added Tax. Authoritarian methods do not work well in a democratic society.

### Unpopular measures

The time has come not only to impose unpopular deflationary measures, but also to try to enlist popular support for them by admitting mistakes, launching reforms, and — first and foremost — starting a genuine public discussion about the pros and cons of the current economic policy. It is a policy which embraces uncontrolled public spending programmes, a free-for-all among trade unions, lavish subsidies for consumers and monopolists, labour shortages and inflation. Surely an effort should be made to clear up the issue before the Government and the Eshratut proceed farther on their present collision course.

Some other countries are trying new methods of setting economic problems, and there is no reason why Israel should lag in this respect. For instance, in the Netherlands, ridden by inflation, an agreement was signed recently limiting wage rises on condition that a number of social reforms are carried out by the government. In Britain, Malcolm Crawford, the "Sunday Times" economic editor, has suggested a flat income surtax at the rate of the eventual rise in the C.O.L., so that people would be penalized for increasing money incomes and prices not only indirectly (as consumers) but also directly (as earners).

In the U.S. the Exchange National Bank of Chicago recommends a new "flexible" tax system that would be adjustable to shifts in the income level of the public.

Recent surveys of the OECD have shown that high taxes and welfare (transfer) payments may contribute to inflation-processes more than the public is aware. None of this amounts to an economic panacea. But when one is faced with a serious economic malaise — as in this country — none of this can be disregarded.

## Readers' letters

### Plan for a federation

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank do not want to be ruled by Jordan and those in the Gaza Strip do not wish to be under Egypt. Most of them would prefer a state of their own. I do not think it is feasible for Israel to grant this, and the Arab States, in any event, would not agree to it. There are now enough Arab states without trying to crowd in another one between Jordan and the West Bank. Israel feels an obligation to live in peace with the Palestinian Arabs. We Jews who have been a minority in many countries sympathize with the view of the Arabs who feel that, even if economic and other conditions are better in Israel, they would rather have less and control their own destiny. Israel should try to put them as close to self-government as possible.

The Palestinian Arabs should be given a free choice to remain where they are, or emigrate to any Arab country to be among their own, or wherever they wish. Those who have lost property must be compensated and those without property should be resettled at the expense of the in-

ternational community, including Israel. A settlement will be cheaper than the cost to the U.N. of maintaining refugee camps, and the cost of war to all concerned.

The rehabilitation and settlement of the refugees in a locale of their choice will make them and everyone concerned happy. Israel should annex all the lands now held by her and form a federated Israel. Israel will then consist of three provinces, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Each province or state should have full control over their own language, culture, social services, education and employment, as Louisiana has in the U.S. or Quebec has in Canada, or the German cantons in Switzerland. Each province or state would have its own governor, cabinet and legislature and should also send elected representatives to the Central Knesset. Defence and foreign policy, criminal law, and customs, should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. If there is goodwill, the details can be worked out to the satisfaction of all parties.

HENRY S. ROSENBERG  
Toronto, December 12.

### YOUR TAX PRIVILEGE IS SHOWING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In your issue of December 14, you report that it had been decided to retain the white borders surrounding licence plates of tax-exempt vehicles. The reason given for this measure was to allow the police to spot-check for illegal transfer of ownership of such vehicles. Such spot checks will undoubtedly cause much discomfort to the legal owners of tax exempt vehicles, as they seemingly may be stopped for no reason at all, merely because their cars are easily singled out. While I deplore the misuse of immigrants' rights and privileges, I feel that the maintenance of such a blatant sign of use of these privileges will only serve to widen the gap between Israel and immigrant and to foster the jealousy and often bitter enmity which is felt by the veteran for the immigrant, who appears to be receiving "something for nothing." I feel that tax privileges are a private matter between the recipient and the government, and should not be publicly displayed. The tax-free status of vehicles is always clearly indicated in the vehicle licence itself, obviating any further sign. The argument that the white border helps police to track down illegally transferred vehicles is not convincing, since anyone unscrupulous enough to obtain a vehicle illegally will find it a small matter to remove the white border, thus rendering him immune to spot-checks. I therefore urge the Government to reconsider their decision, as elimination of an outward sign tagging its bearer as "foreigner," "immigrant" or by the same token, "invalid" would be a positive step in the direction of successful absorption of immigrants.

YVI OFFER  
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